THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 8th December 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at two of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Minimum Wages Act.

* 332 *Q.*—SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have put into operation the Minimum Wages Act, in respect of agricultural labourers; and if so, what is the minimum fixed; and

(*b*) if the Act has not been extended to agricultural labourers, when they propose to do so?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) As soon as the information available is notified for objections and orders are finally passed by Government."

SRI B. LAKSHMINARASA RAJU:—" ఇదివరకో ఇలాంటి ప్రశ్న వచ్చినపుడు ఒక విచారణ కమిటీని వేస్తామని చెప్పారు. ఆ విచారణ కమిటీలో సభ్యులెవ్వరో చెబుతారా ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, I do not think I have said that we are appointing a Committee. I said that the Economic Adviser has been carrying on an investigation and that the investigation is finished now. The subject-matter is placed before the Board of Revenue, the Commissioner of Labour and the Director of Agriculture for their recommendation. As soon as objections, if any, are available, final orders will be passed by the Government."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA:—" విచారణల తంతు కొంతకాలం, తయారైన రిపోర్టులు చెదలు పట్టడం కొంతకాలం, ఆ పిమ్మట తిరిగి విచారణలు చేయిస్తామని చాలాకాలం యీపనే చేస్తున్నారు. తీరా నివేదికలు తయారైన తరువాత వి ఒక్క జిల్లాకు మాత్రమో వర్తించేటట్లుగా బిల్లులను తయారు చేస్తున్నారు. ఇకముందు అలా చేయక ఒక సమగ్రమైన బిల్లును యావతీ రాష్ట్రానికి వర్తింపచేస్తూ ఈ శాసన సభలో ప్రవేశ పెడతారాండీ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I don't agree with the hon. Member's many assumptions. As I said, final orders of Government will be passed after the objections are available."

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SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"Enquiry చేసేటప్పుడు ప్రజాసంస్థలను, ప్రజా ప్రతినిధులను కలుసుకొని, వారి అభిప్రాయాలను తెలుసుకొంటారా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The enquiry was conducted by the Economic Adviser and his report will be published and public opinion will be elicited. After that, final orders will be passed."

Dispute between the workers and the management of the Rajamony Motor Transport, Tiruchirappalli.

* 335 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition from the workers of the Rajamony Motor Transport in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli, that the management have failed to implement the award of the Industrial Tribunal appointed to adjudicate between them and the management in their disputes regarding wages, etc.; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken to enforce the award?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) As the management failed to implement the award in full, the Collector of Tiruchirappalli was instructed to check the claims of the workers from the registers of the company in consultation with the Labour Officer, Tiruchirappalli, and to take necessary action to recover the amounts and to disburse them to the workers concerned. The Labour Officer however reported that the claims were found excessive to what the workers were entitled and he asked the Secretary of the Union to furnish a correct list of claims. The union has not so far sent a correct list. The question of determining the amounts due to the workers under the award is under the consideration of Government."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—"May I know when the order was sent to the Collector?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I would like to have notice."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI:—"தொழில் கோர்ட்டுத் தீர்ப்பு எப்பொழுது கொடுக்கப்பட்டது?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I would like to have notice."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—"Are the Government aware that the management are resorting to all sorts of methods to circumvent the award and the Inspectors are unable to keep peace with the wrath of the management against the workers?"

THE HON DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir, the Government are aware of that. Therefore, we have now suggested that the Labour Officer should contact the Union and the